



EB-2010-0253

IN THE MATTER OF the *Electricity Act, 1998* as amended
(the “*Electricity Act*”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Plateau Wind
Inc. for an order or orders pursuant to section 41(9) of the
Electricity Act establishing the location of Plateau Wind
Inc.’s distribution facilities within certain road allowances
owned by the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

DECISION AND ORDER

INTRODUCTION

- [1] Plateau Wind Inc. (“Plateau” or the “Applicant”) filed an application dated July 30, 2010 (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under subsection 41(9) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule A, as amended (the “*Electricity Act*”) for an order or orders of the Board establishing the location of Plateau’s proposed distribution facilities within road allowances owned by the Municipality of Grey Highlands (“Grey Highlands”). The Board assigned File No. EB-2010-0253 to the application.
- [2] Plateau is in the business of developing wind energy generation projects and the associated distribution facilities in Ontario. Plateau is the corporate entity created to hold and operate the generation and distribution assets of the Plateau Wind Energy Project in Grey County and Dufferin County, Ontario.

- [3] Plateau plans to develop the Plateau Wind Energy Project (the “Project”) which will involve eighteen GE 1.5 megawatt (“MW”) wind turbine generators, together having a nominal nameplate capacity of 27 MW. Twelve of the wind turbine generators are relevant to this Application, eleven of which will be located in Grey Highlands and one of which will be located in Melancthon Township (collectively referred to as the “Turbines”). In total, the Turbines will have a nominal nameplate capacity of 18 MW. Plateau has entered into a feed-in tariff contract with the Ontario Power Authority for the Project.
- [4] As part of the Project, Plateau plans to construct 44 kilovolt (“kV”) overhead and underground electrical distribution facilities to transport the electricity generated from the Turbines to the existing local distribution system of Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HONI”) and ultimately to the IESO-controlled grid. Plateau would like to locate certain portions of the electrical distribution facilities (the “Distribution Facilities”) within road allowances owned by Grey Highlands (the “Road Allowances”).
- [5] Because Plateau and Grey Highlands have not been able to reach an agreement with respect to the location of the Distribution Facilities, Plateau requested that the Board issue an order or orders, pursuant to section 41(9) of the *Electricity Act*, determining the location of Plateau’s Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances.
- [6] In support of the Application, Plateau filed a brief of documents which included descriptions of Plateau’s proposed Distribution Facilities, list of municipal road allowances proposed for location of the Distribution Facilities, maps showing the road allowances, a copy of the proposed road use agreement and other relevant project documents (collectively the “pre-filed evidence”).

THE PROCEEDING

- [7] The Board has proceeded with this application by way of a written hearing. The procedural steps followed are outlined below:

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| - Application filed | July 30, 2010 |
| - Notice of Application Issued | August 19, 2010 |
| - The Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1 | October 29, 2010 |
| - Plateau filed its submission | November 8, 2010 |
| - Grey Highlands and Board staff filed their submissions | November 29, 2010 |
| - Plateau filed its reply submission | December 6, 2010 |

Grey Highlands was granted intervenor status and ten parties were granted observer status in this proceeding.

THE LEGISLATION

[8] The Board's authority in this proceeding is derived from section 41 of the *Electricity Act* which states as follows:

Subsection 41. (1)

A transmitter or distributor may, over, under or on any public street or highway, construct or install such structures, equipment and other facilities as it considers necessary for the purpose of its transmission or distribution system, including poles and lines. 1998, c. 15, Sched. A, s. 41 (1).

Subsection 41. (9)

The location of any structures, equipment or facilities constructed or installed under subsection (1) shall be agreed on by the transmitter or distributor and the owner of the street or highway, and in case of disagreement shall be determined by the Board. 1998, c. 15, Sched. A, s. 41 (9).

SCOPE OF PROCEEDING

[9] The above-noted legislation limits the Board's role in this proceeding to a determination of the location of Plateau's proposed Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances. Given the legislative restriction on the Board's jurisdiction, it is not the Board's role in this proceeding to approve or deny the Project or the Distribution Facilities, to consider the merits, prudence or any environmental, health or economic impacts associated with it or to consider alternatives to the project such as routes for the Distribution Facilities that are outside of the prescribed Road Allowances. Also, it is not within the Board's jurisdiction in this proceeding to consider any aspect of Plateau's proposed wind generation facilities.

EVIDENCE AND SUBMISSIONS

Plateau's Evidence and Submissions

Some key elements of Plateau's evidence and submissions are outlined below:

- [10] During 2008-2009, Plateau carried out an Environmental Assessment for the Project. The final Environmental Assessment report and a Notice of Completion were made publicly available for review and comment from June 12, 2009 to July 11, 2009. On April 14, 2010, Plateau publicly filed its Statement of Completion of the Environmental Assessment after the Ministry of the Environment rejected all requests to elevate the Project to an environmental review/individual environmental assessment.
- [11] Plateau submitted that a balance of environmental, social, technical and economic considerations impacted Plateau's decision on the location of the Turbines and therefore on the location of the Distribution Facilities. An excerpt from the Pre-Filed Evidence which lists the Road Allowances is attached to this Decision and Order as Appendix "A".
- [12] Plateau submitted that the only outstanding issue with respect to Plateau's use of the Road Allowances is the location of the Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances. In this regard, Plateau undertook to negotiate a standard road use agreement with Grey Highlands.
- [13] According to Plateau's evidence, as a result of the above-noted negotiations, Plateau, the Municipal Staff of Grey Highlands (the "Municipal Staff") and Grey Highlands' legal counsel reached a mutually acceptable agreement with respect to the location, construction, operation and maintenance of the Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances (the "Proposed Road Use Agreement").
- [14] In negotiating the Proposed Road Use Agreement, Plateau asserted that it addressed the concerns of the Municipal Staff regarding the routing of the Distribution Facilities. In addition, under the Proposed Road Use Agreement, Plateau indicated that it planned to confer certain monetary and non-monetary benefits on and provide numerous protections to Grey Highlands.
- [15] The evidence indicates that on May 17, 2010, the Municipal Staff issued Report PL.10.34 recommending a form of the Proposed Road Use Agreement to the Grey Highlands Committee of the Whole.
- [16] The evidence further indicates that in a letter dated June 24, 2010 to the Grey Highlands Mayor and Members of Council, the Grey Highlands Chief Administrative Officer recommended that the Proposed Road Use Agreement be approved by Grey Highlands Council (the "CAO Recommendation").

- [17] On June 28, 2010, the Grey Highlands Council rejected the CAO Recommendation. As a result, because Plateau and Grey Highlands could not reach an agreement with respect to the location of the distribution facilities, Plateau filed the Application with the Board for an order or orders, pursuant to section 41(9) of the *Electricity Act*, establishing the location of Plateau's Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances.
- [18] Plateau stated that it has chosen to route certain power lines, poles and other facilities associated with the Distribution System within the Road Allowances pursuant to the statutory right of distributors under section 41(1) of the *Electricity Act*.
- [19] Plateau submitted that the Distribution Facilities as well as other 44 kV electrical facilities which transport the electricity generated from the Turbines to the existing 44 kV local distribution system of HONI, and ultimately to the IESO-controlled grid, is a "distribution system" and that Plateau is a "distributor" as defined in the *Electricity Act*¹. As such, Plateau submitted that it is a distributor and is entitled to the rights of distributors under section 41 of the *Electricity Act*, including the right, under the circumstances, to bring this Application pursuant to Section 41(9) of the *Electricity Act*.
- [20] Plateau submitted that section 4.0.1(1) (d) of O. Reg. 161/99 under the *Ontario Energy Board Act* exempts from the licensing requirements those distributors that distribute electricity for a price no greater than that required to recover all reasonable costs with respect to a distribution system owned or operated by a distributor that is also a generator and that distributes electricity solely for conveying it to the IESO-controlled grid.
- [21] Plateau also submitted that because of the limited scope of section 41(9) and because the two parties have been unable to reach an agreement on the location of the Distribution Facilities within the Road allowances, the only issue before the Board is determining that location.

¹ The *Electricity Act* definitions are as follows:
"distribute", with respect to electricity, means to convey electricity at voltages of 50 kilovolts or less;
"distribution system" means a system for distributing electricity, and includes any structures, equipment or other things used for that purpose;
"distributor" means a person who owns or operates a distribution system.

[22] An excerpt from Plateau's submissions which describes the proposed location of the Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances is attached as Appendix "B" to this Decision and Order.

Grey Highlands' Submissions

Some key elements of Grey Highlands' submissions are outlined below:

[23] Grey Highlands stated that the Project is a "renewable energy generation facility" as that term is defined under the Electricity Act and Ontario Regulation 160/99 and, as such, it is afforded no rights under section 41 of the *Electricity Act*. Accordingly, Grey Highlands submits that the Board has no authority or jurisdiction to make a determination under subsection 41(9) of the *Electricity Act* as the Applicant is neither a transmitter nor distributor of electricity.

[24] Grey Highlands submitted that the rights bestowed under section 41 of the *Electricity Act* represent a special privilege granted to transmitters and distributors and "Where special privileges are granted under statutory authority, the legislation granting such special privilege must be strictly construed."²

[25] Grey Highlands submitted that, based on section 2 (1) of the *Electricity Act* and sections 1(4) and 1(5) of Ontario Regulation 160/99, any distribution line or lines under 50 kilometres in length that convey electricity from a renewable energy generation facility to a distribution system are not components of a distribution system, but rather are components of the "renewable energy generation facility". Grey Highlands further submitted that :

- a number or combination of distribution lines are not a "distribution system" as defined in the *Electricity Act* if they are components of a "renewable energy generation facility";
- the defined terms "distribution system", "generation facility", "renewable energy generation facility" and "transmission system" are all mutually exclusive.

² Paragraph 7 of Grey Highlands' submission dated November 25, 2010.

- [26] Furthermore, Grey Highlands stated that Section 57 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* requires all transmitters, distributors and generators to hold a licence issued under authority of that Act.
- [27] Grey Highlands asserted that, if the distribution lines associated with a "renewable energy generation facility" constituted a "distribution system" as defined in the *Electricity Act*, Plateau would be required to be licensed as a distributor under section 57 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*.
- [28] Grey Highlands further asserted that the Applicant's submission concerning the applicability of subsection 4.0.1(1) (d) of Ontario Regulation 161/99 is erroneous because the Applicant is not in the business of generating electricity and supplying it to the ISEO-controlled grid on a "non-profit basis".
- [29] In its submission Grey Highlands also stated that:
- based on Section 26 of the *Electricity Act*, if the Applicant is a distributor then the Applicant is required to provide access to the distribution lines to "consumers" and the Applicant's evidence does not indicate or identify that consumers will have access to the distribution lines;
 - the Applicant's own description of its proposal indicates that it will deliver electricity to the HONI distribution system and not consumers; and
 - the Applicant does not have a Conditions of Service³ document because it has no intentions of distributing electricity to consumers and because it is not a "distributor".

Board Staff Submissions

Some key elements of Board staff's submissions are outlined below:

- [30] Board staff submitted that, in its view, based on the *Electricity Act* definitions of "distribute", "distribution system" and "distributor", the distribution component of the Applicant's proposed facilities does qualify as a distribution system and that the Applicant is a distributor and therefore has standing to bring an application under section 41 of the *Electricity Act*.

³ A document required under Section 2.4.1 of the Distribution System Code.

[31] Board staff further submitted that Plateau's Distribution System would be exempt, under Section 4.0.1 (d) of Ontario Regulation 161/99, from the licence requirement of section 57(a) of the *OEB Act* because the Distribution System would transport electricity from its generation facilities to the Hydro One distribution system and ultimately to the IESO-controlled grid, and no other use of the Distribution System has been identified by Plateau.

Plateau's Reply Submissions

Some key elements of Plateau's reply submission are outlined below:

[32] Plateau disagrees with Grey Highlands submission that no aspect of the Project meets the definition of "distributor" under the *Electricity Act* and that Plateau therefore cannot take advantage of the rights afforded to distributors under the section 41 of the *Electricity Act*. Plateau repeated that it clearly was a distributor, as that term is defined in the *Electricity Act* and that; consequently, as a distributor, it is entitled to the rights afforded to distributors under section 41 of the *Electricity Act*.

[33] Plateau reiterated its submissions in chief that, under section 4.0.1(1) (d) of Ontario Regulation 161/99, it is exempt from the distribution licensing requirement in section 57(a) of the *OEB Act*. It added that it is irrelevant that it will profit from the sale of generated electricity since section 4.0.1(1)(d) only requires that the generated electricity be **distributed** at a price no greater than that required to recover all reasonable costs in order for the licensing exemption to apply.

[34] Plateau stated that it disagrees with Grey Highlands' assertion that being a "distribution system", "generation facility", "renewable energy generation facility" and "transmission system" are all mutually exclusive terms. Plateau further stated that there is nothing in Section 57 of the *OEB Act* that suggests that there is such mutual exclusivity.

[35] Plateau further states that the wording of section 4.01(1) (d) of Ontario Regulation 161/99 clearly demonstrates that a person can be both a distributor and a generator and that the exemption applies to a "distributor" that is also a "generator" and distributes electricity solely for the purpose of conveying it to the IESO controlled grid.

- [36] Plateau submitted that the enactment of the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009* (the “*Green Energy Act*”) amended section 1(1) of the *OEB Act* to require the Board, in carrying out its responsibilities under the *OEB Act* or any other legislation in relation to electricity, to be guided by the objective of promoting “the use and generation of electricity from renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, including the timely expansion or reinforcement of transmission systems and distribution systems to accommodate the connection of renewable energy generation facilities.” Plateau further stated that the Board must therefore be guided by this objective, among others, in deciding the Application.
- [37] Plateau submitted that the sections in the *Power Corporation Act* and the *Public Utilities Act* that Grey Highlands referenced have been repealed and pertain to a former regulatory regime that is no longer in place.

BOARD FINDINGS

- [38] Given the Board’s limited jurisdiction in this proceeding, there are two decisions that need to be made. The first is a determination of whether Plateau is a “distributor” for the purposes of Section 41 of the *Electricity Act*. If so, the second determination is where should the location of Plateau’s distribution facilities within Grey Highlands’ road allowances be, given that the parties are not able to reach an agreement.
- [39] The Board agrees with Plateau’s and Board staff’s submissions to the effect that the Distribution Facilities, as well as other 44 kV electrical facilities which transport the electricity generated from the Turbines to the existing 44 kV local distribution system of HONI and ultimately to the IESO-controlled grid, are a “distribution system” as defined in the *Electricity Act*.
- [40] The Board disagrees with Grey Highlands’ submission that the defined terms “distribution system”, “generation facility”, “renewable energy generation facility” and “transmission system” are all mutually exclusive since there is nothing in the applicable legislation that would support such an interpretation. Indeed, when the words of the Statute and the Regulation are given their plain meaning, it is evident to the Board that the Legislature intended them to operate precisely as Plateau suggests they should. As the owner of the distribution system that is intended to transport the generated electricity to the IESO, Plateau is a distributor, but one

which has the benefit of the licensing exemption contained in Ontario Regulation 161/99.

- [41] The Board accepts Plateau's and Board staff's submissions that, as the owner or operator of the distribution system, Plateau is a distributor as defined in the *Electricity Act*.
- [42] Accordingly, the Board finds that, as a distributor, Plateau is entitled to bring an application under section 41 of the *Electricity Act* and is entitled to the relief the Board may grant on such an application.
- [43] Since the evidence indicates that Plateau and Grey Highlands could not agree on the location of Plateau's distribution facilities within Grey Highlands' road allowances, it is the Board's role to determine the location of the Distribution Facilities in accordance with section 41 (9) of the *Electricity Act*.
- [44] The Board notes Plateau's evidence that, during the course of negotiations between Plateau and the Municipal Staff regarding a road use agreement, the two parties had reached a mutually acceptable agreement with respect to the location, construction, operation and maintenance of the Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances (the "Proposed Road Use Agreement") and that the Proposed Road Use Agreement was subsequently rejected by the Grey Highlands Council without apparent explanation.
- [45] The Board also notes that Grey Highlands' submissions focused on Plateau's status as a distributor, its rights under section 41 of the *Electricity Act* and the Board's authority or jurisdiction to make a determination under subsection 41(9) of the *Electricity Act*, but made no submissions regarding any alternative or preferred location for the Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances.
- [46] In terms of determining the location of the Distribution Facilities, the Board has therefore considered the only evidence provided in this proceeding with respect to proposed location for the Distribution Facilities and that evidence has been provided by Plateau.
- [47] In the absence of any competing proposal, the Board accepts Plateau's proposed location of the Distribution Facilities within the Road allowances in Grey Highlands.
- [48] Furthermore, the Board agrees with Plateau's and Board staff's submissions that Plateau is exempt from the requirement for a distributor licence under Section

4.0.1 (d) of Ontario Regulation 161/99. Contrary to the assertion of Grey Highlands, the fact that Plateau does not require a licence does not imply that they are not a distributor. In the Board's view the Regulation giving rise to the exemption could not be clearer. It specifically contemplates that the "distributor" can be a generator, and that the exemption applies to such a distributor when it distributes electricity "solely for the purpose of conveying it into the IESO-controlled grid." This language really renders the Municipality's argument on this point untenable.

[49] The Board notes that there were a number of interested parties that were granted observer status and took an active role in terms of providing comments regarding various aspects of the Project. Some of the observer comments regarding Plateau's status as a distributor are addressed in the above findings. Other observer concerns were related to health effects, aesthetic impact of the Project and the Turbines as well as the impact on property values. These concerns are not within the scope of this proceeding (see paragraph [9] above) and were not considered by the Board in arriving at this decision.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- The location of Plateau's Distribution Facilities within the Road Allowances shall be as described in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" to this Decision and Order except for any changes that are mutually agreed to between Plateau Wind Inc. and the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

DATED at Toronto, January 12, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX "A"

TO

DECISION AND ORDER

BOARD FILE NO. EB-2010-0253

DATED: January 12, 2011

EXCERPT FROM PRE-FILED EVIDENCE

(Exhibit B, Tab 3, Schedule 1, Page 6)

**LIST OF MUNICIPAL ROAD ALLOWANCES WITHIN WHICH THE
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WILL BE LOCATED**

1. 210 Sideroad Road (also known as Melancthon-Artermesia Townline), between Provincial Highway No. 10 and East Back Line.
PIN: 37265-0133(LT)
2. East Back Line from 210 Sideroad Road to Melancthon Artemisia Townline.
PIN: 37265-0136(LT) and 37265-0134(LT)
3. Melancthon Artemisia Townline from East Back Line to Road 41A.
PIN: 34151-0029(LT)
4. Melancthon Osprey Townline from Road 41A to the access road to Turbine #3.
PIN: 37260-0052(LT)
5. Road 41A, from the Melancthon Artemisia Townline to South Line B Road.
PIN: 37260-0199(LT)
6. South Line 'B' Road from Road 41 A to Grey County Road 2.
PIN: 37260-0198(LT)
7. Centre Line A Road from County Road 2 westerly to Turbine #6 entrance.
PIN: 37260-0125(LT)
8. Centre Line A Road from County Road 2 easterly to Turbines #10 and #12 road entrance.
PIN: 37260-0125(LT)

APPENDIX "B"

TO

DECISION AND ORDER

BOARD FILE NO. EB-2010-0253

DATED: January 12, 2011

EXCERPT FROM PLATEAU'S WRITTEN

SUBMISSIONS DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2010

(Tab 2, Pages 7-9)

1 located over, on or near traveled or untraveled sections of the Road Allowances. The
2 hearing does not concern which Road Allowances that Plateau has chosen to use.

3 **3.0 PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN**
4 **THE ROAD ALLOWANCES**

5 Plateau proposes that the location of the Distribution System within the Road Allowances
6 should be as follows:

- 7 • The Distribution System facilities shall generally be located 1.0-1.5 metres from
8 the abutting property line, provided this location is reasonable and meets all
9 applicable safety standards.⁹ A cross-sectional drawing included at Appendix C
10 shows the approximate location of where Plateau proposes to position the poles
11 and other Distribution System facilities within the Road Allowances. As
12 discussed below, this proposal accords with the terms of the proposed road use
13 agreement between Plateau and Grey Highlands.¹⁰
- 14 • Where practicable and with certain exceptions, the Distribution System facilities
15 that Plateau will construct, maintain or install shall not be located under the
16 existing or contemplated traveled portion of any of the Road Allowances.¹¹
17 Rather, Plateau will locate these facilities adjacent to such existing or
18 contemplated traveled portion of such Road Allowances. As discussed below, this
19 proposal accords with the terms of the proposed road use agreement between
20 Plateau and Grey Highlands.¹²

21 In addition to proposing this location for the Distribution System within the Road
22 Allowances, Plateau requests that the Board, pursuant to its authority under section 23(1)
23 of the OEB Act, include the following conditions in its Order:

⁹ For example, once the detailed engineering process is completed, Plateau may be required to slightly deviate from the 1.0-1.5 metre setback to minimize the need for tree cutting, road crossings and guy anchors on private properties, as well as to accommodate the flow of the ditch drainage.

¹⁰ See Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Page 3 of the Application.

¹¹ Exemptions include certain underground road crossings that allow the Distribution System to follow the existing HONI poles in order to minimize the need to place poles on both sides of the Road Allowances.

¹² See Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Page 3 of the Application.

- 1 • Plateau shall acknowledge that the rights to use the Road Allowances are not
2 exclusive rights. In addition, Grey Highland is not precluded from entering into
3 the Road Allowances for its own municipal purposes, and Grey Highlands has no
4 obligation to notify Plateau of such entry provided it does not adversely affect the
5 Distribution System.
- 6 • In constructing or decommissioning the Distribution System within the Road
7 Allowances (the "Work"), Plateau shall use all due care and diligence to prevent,
8 among other things, any unnecessary or unavoidable interference with the
9 travelled portion of any Road Allowance or with any traffic thereon.
- 10 • Prior to the commencement of any Work, Plateau shall file plans with Grey
11 Highlands and/or the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority detailing the Work.
12 Plateau will undertake the Work in accordance with those plans.¹³
- 13 • Within 30 days of the completion of any construction Work, Plateau shall deposit
14 with Grey Highlands as-constructed plans detailing the location and specifications
15 of any installed infrastructure, including any distribution lines and poles.
- 16 • Plateau shall undertake and complete any Work requiring a permit from Grey
17 Highlands within the time specified in such permit, provided such time is
18 reasonable. Plateau shall also complete such Work so as not to cause unnecessary
19 nuisance or damage to Grey Highlands or any other user of the Road Allowance
20 where the Work is conducted.
- 21 • Prior to the commencement of any Work, Plateau shall obtain any necessary
22 approval of any federal, provincial, county or municipal government or agency.
23 Plateau shall also notify any other person or body operating any equipment,
24 installations, utilities or other facilities within the Road Allowances about the
25 details of the Work, including where it is to be conducted.
- 26 • In the event that it becomes necessary to break, remove, or otherwise pierce the
27 existing surface of any of the Road Allowances to undertake the Work, Plateau
28 shall, in so far as is practical, at its own expense, repair, reinstate, restore, or
29 remediate such surface to the same or better condition than existed prior to the
30 commencement of such Work.¹⁴
- 31 • Subject to section 41 of the OEB Act, if Plateau wishes to relocate any of the
32 Distribution System facilities previously installed, placed or constructed in the

¹³ This condition is in accordance with Section 41 (7) of the Electricity Act, which states: "If a transmitter or distributor exercises a power or entry under this section, it shall, (a) provide reasonable notice of the entry to the owner or other person having authority over the street or highway"

¹⁴ This condition is in accordance with Section 41 (7) of the Electricity Act, which states: "If a transmitter or distributor exercises a power or entry under this section, it shall, ... (b) in so far as is practicable, restore the street or highway to its original condition; and (c) provide compensation for any damages caused by the entry."

1 Road Allowances, it shall notify Grey Highlands in writing of its intent to do so,
2 and Grey Highlands shall not unreasonably withhold its consent to such
3 relocation.

4 Notably, none of these requested terms or conditions vary from those already enshrined
5 in the standard road use agreement (the "Proposed Road Use Agreement") that Plateau
6 negotiated with the Municipal Staff of Grey Highlands (the "Municipal Staff") and Grey
7 Highlands' legal counsel.¹⁵ In the negotiations, the parties reached a mutually acceptable
8 agreement with respect to the location, construction, operation and maintenance of the
9 Distribution System within the Road Allowances.¹⁶ In particular, under the Proposed
10 Road Use Agreement, Grey Highlands would have affirmed Plateau's statutory right to
11 use the Road Allowances for the Distribution System and agreed to the location of the
12 Distribution System. In exchange, Plateau would have conferred certain benefits on and
13 provided numerous protections to Grey Highlands. A copy of the Proposed Road Use
14 Agreement is attached at Appendix D.

15 In addition, none of the requested terms and conditions vary substantially from the terms
16 and conditions contained in the agreement between Plateau and Melancthon, which
17 Melancthon Council has already approved, regarding the location of seven turbines and
18 the associated distribution facilities in its jurisdiction.¹⁷ One of these turbines is the
19 Turbine in Melancthon that is part of the Plateau I and II siting area, and some of the
20 distribution facilities will be located on the Melancthon side of some of the Road
21 Allowances that are jointly owned by Melancthon and Grey Highlands.

¹⁵ For a summary of those terms and conditions, see Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Pages 4-7 of the Application.

¹⁶ See Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Pages 1-2 of the Application.

¹⁷ See Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Pages 2-3 of the Application.